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Title: PROGRAM FLOW METHOD AND METHOD FOR
EXPANDING A PROGRAM COMPONENT SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the Examination of the above-identified application, and before calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, cancel "claims 1 or 2" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

Claim 4, line 1, cancel "any one of claims 1 to 3" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

Claim 5, line 1, cancel "any one of claims 1 to 4" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

Claim 6, line 1, cancel "any one of claims 1 to 5" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

Claim 7, line 1, cancel "any one of claims 1 to 6" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

Claim 8, line 1, cancel "any one of claims 1 to 7" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

Claim 9, line 1, cancel "any one of claims 1 to 8" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

Claim 13, line 1, cancel "any one of claims 10 to 12" and substitute therefor -- claim 10 --.

Claim 14, line 1, cancel "any one of claims 10 to 13" and substitute therefor -- claim 10 --.